

# LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

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Week 7 brought us to "turnaround", the date by which most bills have to be through their chamber of origin or be dead for the session. Committees met through Wednesday morning this week, then both chambers debated bills on the floor through Thursday and adjourned for a long weekend. They will take Monday and Tuesday off next week and come back for a short week starting Wednesday.

We are hearing that SB 24, the Board of Technical Professions bill we have been supporting, will be heard in the House Federal and State Affairs Committee on Wednesday, March 10. ACEC Kansas will be there to testify in support, as will the other technical professions.

HB 2395 was introduced this week, and would raise the threshold for on-call design contracts for engineers and architects on Board of Regents projects to \$1 million. ACEC Kansas will support this legislation if a hearing is scheduled.

HB 2177 (Kansas Voluntary Cleanup Fund), HB 2192 (creating environmental steward fund), and HB 2193 (creating a risk management program under the Kansas Voluntary Cleanup Fund) passed the full House this week and now head to the Senate. ACEC Kansas testified in support of HB 2177 and HB 2193, and is supportive of all three bills.

Reaching turnaround is generally a good point in the session in that several bad bills fail to get out of their chamber of origin and are (probably) dead for the session. There are always ways to bring an idea back (amending it into another bill, having it introduced in a committee which is exempt from deadlines, etc.), but several bills we have been working to kill appear to be dead for the session. These include some bad bills that would have impacted the Board of Technical Professions, legislation requiring any state contract to be awarded only to firms that can certify over 70% of the work will be done by Kansas residents, and several others. We are cautiously optimistic these bills are now dead.

It should be pretty slow next week, but things will speed up through March, particularly regarding budget issues. Stay tuned...

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
<a href="#">H Sub for SB 4</a> Legislative Post Audit Committee	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for various state agencies	Approved by Governor	<b>02/10/2015</b> Approved by Governor Sam Brownback
<a href="#">SB 24</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Technical professions act; definitions clarification	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>02/23/2015 - House</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">SB 29</a> Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Removal of community improvement district sales tax administration fund aggregate cap	In House Taxation	<b>03/04/2015 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">SB 35</a>	Appropriation revisions for FY 2015, FY 2016, FY	In Senate Ways and	<b>01/20/2015 - Senate</b>

Senate Ways and Means Committee	2017, and FY 2018 for various state agencies	Means	Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Thursday, 1/22/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 36</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Allowing carryover and a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/23/2015 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">SB 52</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Authorizing chief engineer to allow augmentation to secure water	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/24/2015 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">SB 64</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	On General Orders in Senate	<b>02/12/2015 - Senate</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Natural Resources
<a href="#">SB 80</a> Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Enacting the Kansas working families pay raise act	In Senate Commerce	<b>01/27/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Commerce
<a href="#">SB 81</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for various state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>01/28/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Wednesday, 1/28/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 107</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Public entities expenditures for energy projects intended to reduce energy costs	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/11/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Tuesday, 2/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 118</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Amending the powers and duties of the Kansas department of agriculture division of conservation and the state conservation commission	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/02/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 124</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Eliminating the sunset on landspreading of oil and gas drilling waste	Passed in Senate	<b>02/26/2015 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 40, Nays 0
<a href="#">SB 138</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Prohibiting the secretary of health and environment from adopting rules and regulations relating to confined feeding facilities that are more restrictive than federal law	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/04/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Natural Resources
<a href="#">SB 209</a> Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Repealing the prohibition against agencies and municipalities requiring contractors to enter into certain labor agreements for public works construction projects	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/12/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Commerce
<a href="#">SB 210</a>	Requiring employment of Kansas workers for certain	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/12/2015 - Senate</b>

Anthony Hensley, D-19th	state contracts and tax incentives		Referred to Commerce
<a href="#">SB 211</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Technical professions; scope of practice	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>02/12/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">SB 227</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Local enhanced management areas; due consideration; corrective control measures	On Final Action in Senate	<b>02/26/2015 - Senate</b> Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be passed as amended
<a href="#">SB 245</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Repealer; certain bridge inspections	In Senate Transportation	<b>02/18/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Transportation
<a href="#">SB 246</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Exempting certain state leases from energy audit requirements when such energy audit is not economically feasible	In Senate Utilities	<b>02/18/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Utilities
<a href="#">SB 250</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Joint committee on state building construction; reports of the secretary of administration	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/19/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Monday, 2/23, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 253</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Renewable energy standards act sunset	In Senate Utilities	<b>02/19/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Utilities
<a href="#">SB 268</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Changes to stream maintenance and obstruction requirements	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/26/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2003</a> Michael Houser, R-1st	Cities; annexation of non-adjoining land	In Senate Local Government	<b>02/12/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Local Government: Tuesday, 2/17, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">HB 2012</a> Jim Ward, D-86th	Enacting the Kansas working families pay raise act	In House Appropriations	<b>01/13/2015 - House</b> Referred to Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 2014</a> Tom Sloan, R-45th	Authorizing the Kansas water office, with approval of the Kansas water authority, to establish the clean drinking water fee by rules and regulations and imposing a cap on such fee	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget	<b>02/13/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget: Thursday, 2/19, 1:30 PM, Rm 142-S
<a href="#">HB 2019</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Property tax levy for the Kansas educational building fund	In House Taxation	<b>01/28/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Wednesday, 2/4/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N

<a href="#">HB 2023</a> House Judiciary Committee	Legislative review of exceptions to disclosure of public records	In Senate Judiciary	<b>02/04/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Judiciary
<a href="#">HB 2035</a> House Education Committee	Amending the tax credit for low income students scholarship program act	In House Education	<b>01/20/2015 - House</b> Referred to Education
<a href="#">HB 2036</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Electricity and the sale of renewable energy	In House Energy and Environment	<b>01/20/2015 - House</b> Referred to Energy and Environment
<a href="#">HB 2037</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Renewable energy generation and tax exempt entities	In House Energy and Environment	<b>01/20/2015 - House</b> Referred to Energy and Environment
<a href="#">HB 2038</a> House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	<b>01/20/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Appropriations: Wednesday, 1/21/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
<a href="#">HB 2039</a> House Judiciary Committee	Domestic case management	In House Judiciary	<b>01/21/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Wednesday, 1/28/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 112-N
<a href="#">HB 2059</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Authorizing chief engineer to allow augmentation to secure water	Passed in House	<b>02/26/2015 - House</b> Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 120, Nays 3
<a href="#">HB 2063</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Amending the definition of project in the public water supply project loan program	Passed in House	<b>02/26/2015 - House</b> Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 123, Nays 0
<a href="#">HB 2068</a> House Transportation Committee	Removing requirement that bicycles use path	In House Transportation	<b>01/28/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N
<a href="#">HB 2069</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Allowing carryover and a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	Killed in House	<b>02/17/2015 - House</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2085</a> House Appropriations Committee	Contracts between the secretary of transportation and the Kansas Turnpike Authority; annual reports from the authority; director of operations	Passed in House	<b>02/26/2015 - House</b> Final Action: Passed; Yeas 123, Nays 0

<a href="#">HB 2133</a> House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	<b>01/29/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Appropriations: Monday, 2/2/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
<a href="#">HB 2153</a> House Appropriations Committee	Taxpayer empowerment, accountability and transparency in state contracting act	In House Appropriations	<b>01/29/2015 - House</b> Referred to Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 2156</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/25/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Wednesday, 3/4, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">HB 2177</a> House Energy and Environment Committee	Voluntary cleanup and property redevelopment act	Passed in House	<b>02/26/2015 - House</b> Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 123, Nays 0
<a href="#">HB 2192</a> House Energy and Environment Committee	Kansas storage tank act	Passed in House	<b>02/26/2015 - House</b> Final Action: Passed; Yeas 97, Nays 26
<a href="#">HB 2193</a> House Energy and Environment Committee	Solid and hazardous waste and the risk management program act	Passed in House	<b>02/26/2015 - House</b> Final Action: Passed; Yeas 123, Nays 0
<a href="#">HB 2194</a> House Transportation Committee	Establishing a safety corridor program	In House Transportation	<b>02/04/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N
<a href="#">HB 2224</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Scope of practice for technical professions	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>02/05/2015 - House</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">HB 2227</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating water conservation areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/05/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">HB 2233</a> House Energy and Environment Committee	Electric utilities and carbon dioxide emissions	In House Appropriations	<b>02/26/2015 - House</b> Withdrawn from General Orders; referred to Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 2245</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amending procedure for cases involving groundwater	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/06/2015 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources

<a href="#">HB 2255</a> House Transportation Committee	Prohibiting the secretary of transportation from entering agreements or issuing bonds after December 31, 2014, for the transportation revolving fund and the communication systems revolving fund; repealing the intermodal transportation revolving fund	In House Transportation	<b>02/11/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Tuesday, 2/17, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N
<a href="#">HB 2267</a> House Appropriations Committee	Alternative project delivery; notice requirements and selection procedures	Passed in House	<b>02/26/2015 - House</b> Emergency to Final Action: Passed; Yeas 123, Nays 0

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<a href="#">HB 2296</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities and counties; public building commission; revenue bonds; election required	In House Local Government	<b>02/18/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 2/24, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N
<a href="#">HB 2303</a> House Appropriations Committee	Allowing the secretary of health and environment to establish variances to water quality standards	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/12/2015 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2314</a> Tom Burroughs, D-33rd	Repealing the prohibition against agencies and municipalities requiring contractors to enter into certain labor agreements for public works construction projects	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	<b>02/12/2015 - House</b> Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
<a href="#">HB 2317</a> Brandon Whipple, D-96th	Requiring employment of Kansas workers for certain state contracts and tax incentives	In House Taxation	<b>02/13/2015 - House</b> Withdrawn from Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2351</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Allowing conservation districts to sponsor local enhanced management areas	In House Appropriations	<b>02/26/2015 - House</b> Withdrawn from Agriculture and Natural Resources; referred to Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 2373</a> House Taxation Committee	Renewable energy standards act sunset	In House Energy and Environment	<b>02/19/2015 - House</b> Referred to Energy and Environment
<a href="#">HB 2395</a> House Appropriations Committee	State building projects; negotiating committees; alternative procurement	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	<b>02/26/2015 - House</b> Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
<a href="#">HCR 5011</a> House Education Budget Committee	Foresight 2020 strategic plan	In Senate Education	<b>02/03/2015 - House</b> Referred to Education